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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-8, 11-23, 25-34, and 36-42 are pending.

Claims 1, 16, 21-22, 28, 30 and 39 have been amended.

Claims 11-15, 23-27 and 34-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner, Matthew C. Sams, for granting and attending the telephone interview, with Applicants' Representative, Caleb Pollack, Reg. No. 37,912, and Moshe Vegh, a representative of the assignee, on January 4, 2007. In the interview, a proposed amendment of independent claim 1, and the rejection of claim 20 were discussed. Applicants' representatives gave reasons for allowing claim 1, with proposed amendments, and dependent claim 20. Applicants' representatives also offered to cancel claims 11-15, 23, 25-27, 34 and 36-38.

The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment overcame the Ginsburg reference, pending a further search. The Examiner agreed no 35 USC § 112 issues exist. The Examiner agreed that dependent claim 20, without amendment, is allowable over Ginsburg, pending a further search.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37, 39 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Ginzburg et al. (US 2005/0041616). Applicants believe this rejection has been overcome by the amendments indicated above in view of the remarks that follow.

As agreed during the January 4, 2007 interview, the amendments to the claims as presented above overcome the prior art rejections of record, at least with respect to claim 1.

Applicants respectfully assert that Ginzburg et al. does not teach or suggest at least some of the features of amended independent claims 1, 16, 28 and 39 as amended.

For example, Ginzburg et al. does not teach at least the claimed feature where a node report includes parameters of other nodes of the wireless communication system and of detecting a hidden node by analyzing the node communication related parameters of nodes of the wireless communication system based on the plurality of the nodes reports.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 1, 16, 28 and 39 are not anticipated by the Ginzburg et al. reference, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to these claims. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 1, 16, 28 and 39 are patentable, and thus allowable, over all the prior art on record, taken separately or in any combination.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 23, 26, 34 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3 and 5 depend from patentable base claim 1, claims 18, 20 and 21 depend from patentable base claim 16, claims 29, 31 and 32 depend from patentable base claim 28, and claim 41 depends from patentable base claim 39. In addition to any independent bases for patentability, claims 3, 5, 18, 20, 21, 29, 31, 32 and 41 are patentable over the cited reference(s) by virtue of at least such dependency on patentable base claims 1, 16, 28 and 39. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3, 5, 18, 20, 21, 29, 31, 32 and 41 be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of

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claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37 39 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Ginzburg.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 6-8, 15, 17, 22, 27, 33, 38, 40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ginzburg (US 2005/0041616) in view of Larsson (US 6,798,765) and the Examiner rejected claims 13, 19, 25, 30 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ginzburg (US 2005/0041616) in view of Gillies et al. (US 2005/0180356) .

Claims 13, 15, 25, 27, 36 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

As discussed above, claims 1, 16, 28 and 39 are allowable over Ginzburg. Larsson and Gilles do not cure the deficiencies of Ginzburg. Claims 2, 4 and 6-8 depend from patentable base claim 1, claims 17, 19 and 22 depend from patentable base claim 16, claims 30 and 33 depends from patentable base claim 28 and claims 40 and 42 depend from patentable base claim 39.

In addition to any independent bases for patentability, claims 2, 4, 6-8, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 25, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38, 40 and 42 are patentable over the cited reference(s) by virtue of at least such dependency on patentable base claims 1, 16, 28 and 39. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of 2, 4, 6-8, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 25, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38, 40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

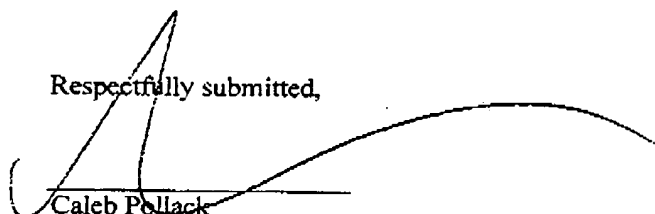
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Except for the fee for the RCE, being paid separately, no fees are believed to be due associated with this paper. However, if any fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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